(b) if so, the reasons therefor and by when these schemes are likely to be implemented ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHRIPAD YESSO NAIK) : (a) and (b) At Hyderabad Airport, schemes *viz.* provision of vitrified tiles in place of PVC tiles at ground floor of Rajiv Gandhi Terminal Building, air-conditioning of NT Ramarao Terminal Building, procurement of baggage trolleys, extension of conveyor at ground floor at International Arrival, installation of feeder conveyor at International Departure and provision of passenger chairs have been completed. Polished vitrified tiles in place of PVC tiles flooring at first floor of Rajiv Gandhi Terminal Building, Aerobridge Corridor and VIP rooms are to be provided by September 30, 2003. Provision of canopy on the city side of the Terminal Building is at tender stage and expected to be completed by March 31, 2004.

At Bangalore Airport, schemes *viz.* extension of car park area, decorative false ceiling in concourse area & renovation of flooring in Domestic Departure, renovation of toilets in Domestic Terminal, provision of Murals and Paintings in passenger concourse. Stainless Steel staircase in escalator core area in Arrival Hall, recarpetting of existing car park area and passenger chair and refurnishing of sofa sets have been completed. Provision of canopy on city side, renovation of flooring and extension of glazing on air side and city side of Domestic Departure are in progress and expected to be completed by June 30, 2003.

Concession for Senior Citizens

4655. SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state :

(a) what are the age limits prescribed for senior citizens (both male and female) and what are the benefits allowed to them for performing air journey;

(b) whether Government are aware that wait-listed tickets issued to senior citizens and others eligible for concessional tickets, are rarely confirmed and preference to confirm the tickets is given to those who pay full amount for the tickets; and

(c) if so, what are the details in this regard and whether the existing norms for confirmation of tickets are proposed to be modified to benefit the senior citizens and others ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHRIPAD YESSO NAIK) : (a) The age limit prescribed for males is 65

years and for females 63 years. Indian Airlines offers 50% discount on normal economy class fare to these Senior Citizens. Air India offers a discount of 25% to senior citizens for travel from India to USA/UK/Europe during the lean period.

(b) and (c) Both the airlines follow the industry practice of optimizing yield management in each flight. However, Indian Airlines offers a minimum of 10 seats to concessional fare paying passengers, on first come first serve basis. At times there is more demand for concessional class seats than the allocated seats, resulting in a wait list in the concessional class. Depending upon the pattern of the flight, the number of seats for the concessional passengers are increased to as much as 50 or more on many flights. In Air India passengers paying higher fares have priority of confirmation than passengers having concessional tickets.

Aircrafts with IA and AI

4656. SHRI M. V. RAJASEKHARAN : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state :

(a) the number of aircrafts which are in operation in Air India, age-wise details;

(b) the number of aircrafts which are in operation in Indian Airlines, age-wise details;

(c) the number of sectors which are in profit and the number of sectors which are in loss in domestic airlines; and

(d) the details of profit/loss sectors of Air India ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHRIPAD YESSO NAIK) : (a) and (b) Details are as under :

Type of Aircraft	No. of Aircraft	Average Age (Yrs)
AIR INDIA		
B 747-200	4	23.32
B 747-300	2	14.47
A 310-300	17	14.07
B 747-400	7	14.18

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